For Swajaldhara Projects sanctioned in 2002-2003

(Rs. in Lakh)

		No. of Projects	Amount Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1661	4003.1086
2.	Karnataka	55	109.0700
3.	Kerala	120	272.8376
4.	Tamil Nadu	390	702.0426

Rural infrastructure

906. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current scenario of rural infrastructure is far from encouraging;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have identified some key issues in building some of the rural infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Department of Rural Development implementing the Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to build up rural roads and other need based infrastructure in the rural areas.

(c) and (d) The objective of the PMGSY is to provide Connectivity, by way of an All Weather Road too the unconnected Habitations in the rural areas, with a population of 500 and above and in respect of the Hill States and Desert Areas as well as the tribal areas, with a population of 250 persons and above by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007). Under the SGRY, priorities are decided by the Panchayati Raj institutions.

Monitoring quality of drinking water

†907. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.